

FORD'S ENVOYS DO NOT FIND EASY SAILING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Several European nations, neutrals as well as belligerents have inquired of the United States concerning the status of the peace party which is to sail in vessels chartered by Henry Ford. To each Secretary Lansing has replied that the American government not only has no connection with the expedition, but assumes no responsibility for any activities or negotiations on the part of those engaged in the movement.

The fact that Mr. Ford had conferred with President Wilson before launching his movement to end the European war gave some of the ambassadors and ministers here the impression that the Washington government might have some connection with it.

Applications for passports by members of the expedition have been subjected to the closest scrutiny at the department and passports have been granted only for travel in neutral countries. Seventy-five were issued late today. In several instances passports were refused on account of improperly prepared applications or because the applicants were not American citizens.

Following the rules of the department which prohibit the issuance of passports to persons who desire to visit belligerent countries unless they state business of an absolutely necessary and urgent character, Secretary Lansing recently ordered that the peace advocates be given no passports for nations in the war zone. Officials class the members of the party as tourists.

At the British embassy today it was indicated that without passports in proper form, no one would be permitted to land in Great Britain from the Ford ships.

LANDSLIDE HOLDS UP THE ESPEE

DUNSMUIR, Calif., Dec. 2.—A large landslide which occurred between the stations of Sims and Gibson, on the Southern Pacific, late this afternoon, will hold traffic until six o'clock tomorrow morning, according to railroad officials. The Syracuse University football team, on its way to play Occidental College Saturday, was on one of the trains delayed. They will arrive in Los Angeles to carry out their schedule.



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JOFFRE MADE CHIEF OF ALL MOROCCO

Is Made Commander-in-Chief of the Morocco and Dependent Ministry Colonies, President Poincare Signing the Decree

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PARIS, Dec. 2. (Midnight)—General Joffre has been appointed commander in chief of all the Morocco and dependent ministry colonies. President Poincare signed the decree today.

The appointment was made on the recommendation of Minister of War Gallieni who, in a report to President Poincare, said:

"By the decree of October 28, 1913, the government charged with the vital interests of the country, alone has the right to decide on the military policy. It is the struggle extends to several fronts it alone must decide which is the principal adversary against whom the majority of the forces shall be directed. It consequently alone controls the means of action and resources of all kinds and puts them at the disposal of the generals commanding in chief in the different theaters of operations."

"The experience gained, however, from the present operations, which are distributed over several fronts, proves that unity of direction, indispensable to the conduct of the war, can only be assured by the presence at the head of all our armies of a single chief, responsible for the military operations proper."

"With that object in view, I submit to your high approval the decrees attached."

Two decrees accompanied the report, one creating the post of commander in chief of the French armies, and the other appointing General Joffre, "com-



General Joffre.

INCOMPETENCY ENDANGERING GOVERNMENT'S WHOLE FABRIC

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—Incompetency and inefficiency on the part of civil servants is endangering the whole fabric of our government as well as all the precious ideals of public liberty and justice from a war standpoint, according to Charles V. Elliot, president of the American Association of University Professors, who addressed the meeting of the civil service reform league here tonight. Mr. Elliot declared that it had been obvious for some time that democracy as a form of government is on trial before the civilized world.

"Can democracy be as efficient as modern autocracy in war?" he asked. "Today no one can answer that question with confidence."

"If the free governments cannot organize and maintain an effective army and navy as the autocratic governments can, and fight as well as the autocratic governments do, they will not survive the attacks of despotic governments which possess as great natural resources as the free governments and use them with more skill and greater concentration of purpose. Such attacks on free institutions must be expected and provided against for it has been demonstrated that there exists in Europe strong autocratic governments which are ambitious to rule not only their neighbors but the world."

In periods of peace, Dr. Elliot said, democracy has not been as efficient in promoting the public welfare as has autocracy. "It has been made plain, by the great war in Europe, he said, that industrial, financial and civil efficiency are all necessary to military efficiency."

"If, then, the free governments are to continue to live in Europe, or in the world at large, they must prove themselves to be at least as effective as autocratic government in developing industrial, commercial, financial and military efficiency."

In criticizing what he termed the inefficiency in public service, Dr. Elliot called particular attention to the post-office department. He declared that to change all the high officials of that department once every four years, or whenever the national administration passes from the hands of one political party to those of another, is to violate every principle of sound business management. He said that conditions were much better in the interior and agricultural departments "where the merit system applies largely because of the need for expert ability."

Several other speakers, including United States Senator Norris of Nebraska, also criticized the proposal. Senator Norris advocated the application of the merit system to all positions in that branch of the government service.

"Divorce from the spoils system," he said, "would not only mean more efficient service, but eventually would mean one cent postage."

Some of the reforms urged in resolutions adopted by the league were:

"Classification by law of the higher administrative officers, particularly the collectors of customs and internal revenue, United States marshals and postmasters of the first, second and third class."

"Passage of legislation extending the merit system over a system over a system in the District of Columbia."

"Extension by law of the merit principle to the consular service and diplomatic secretariats, so far as consistent with the constitution."

"Limitation of appointments civil service commission boards and administrative officers to persons of experience in or special knowledge of such service, and in sympathy with its purpose."

"Defeat of all legislation granting preference in appointment and promotion in the civil service of the nation, the states and the cities to special groups of classes."

"Extension of the merit system of appointment and promotion to employees of legislative assemblies."

WADDELL NEW HEAD CALIFORNIA THREE A'S

At G. Waddell, well known in Phoenix, was yesterday appointed Southern California representative of the American Automobile association, according to a wire received by a friend here last night.

Waddell is automobile editor of the Los Angeles Times, and is the first newspaperman to receive an appointment as an officer of the A. A. A. His nomination was made by Chairman Richard Kennedell of the contest board of the association, held in New York last week.

Waddell has a wide local acquaintance due to his activities in connection with two Los Angeles-Phoenix motor classics.

LOVE AND BULLETS TWO IN HOSPITAL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Miss Younne Rouquet, 19 year old daughter of a well to do farmer near here, and Louis Dorion, a farm hand, were brought to a hospital today, both probably fatally injured by bullets from Dorion's revolver.

Miss Rouquet, who had rejected Dorion's attentions, went to a dance last night with another man. Dorion, according to the girl's story, lay in wait and when she returned they quarrelled and he shot her twice before she succeeded in turning his own weapon against him. As he pulled the trigger the third time, the bullet passed through his own body.

PROBE LUMBER INDUSTRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The third hearing in the federal trade commission's inquiry into the lumber industry will be held here December 13, for a summing up of testimony by counsel for the lumbermen. The inquiry was undertaken at the request of the lumbermen, who complained that present methods of production and marketing resulted in an enormous waste of natural resources.

POSTAL HOP—The second annual ball of the Postoffice Employees association will be held at Patrick hall this evening, beginning at 8:30.
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